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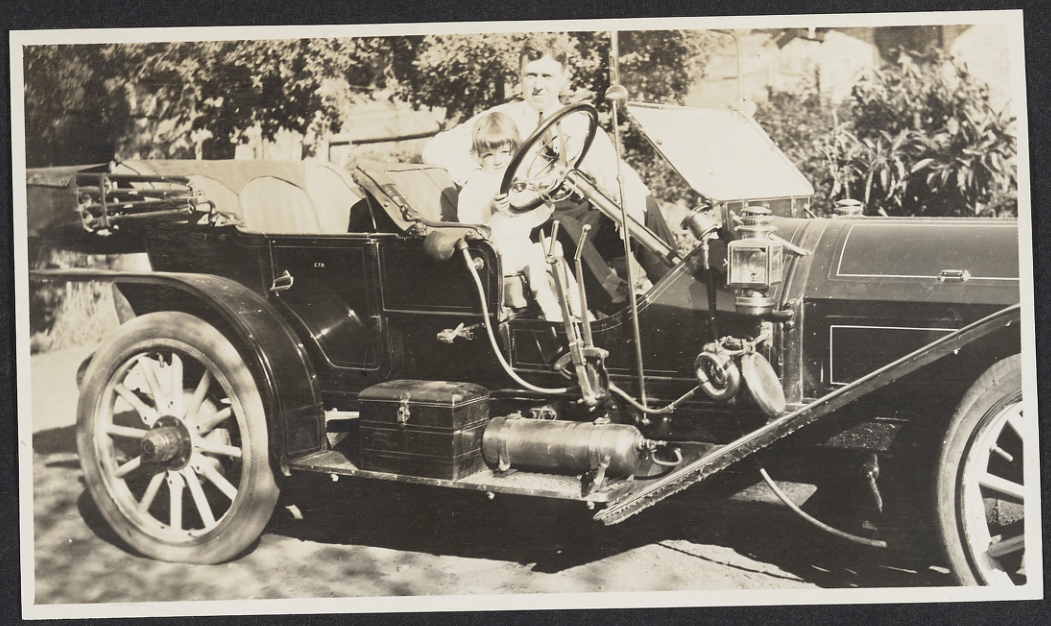

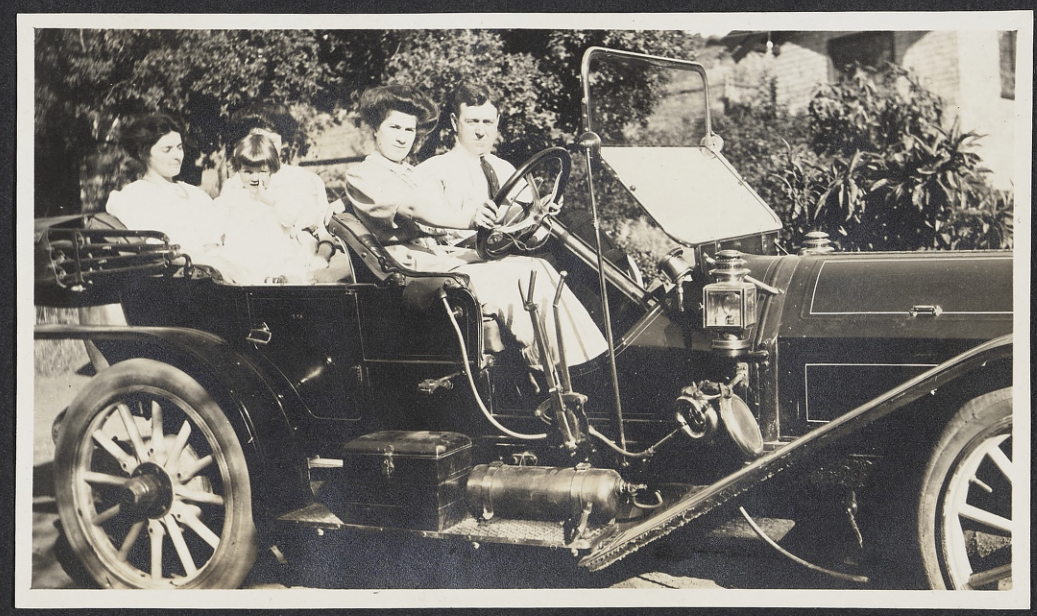

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George Dudley Bliss III
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Weighs 26½ lbs.

Menlo Park. Cal

1909

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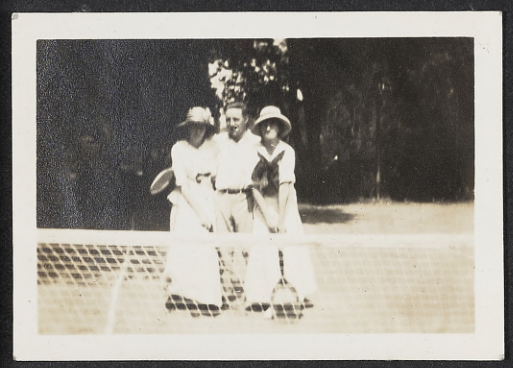

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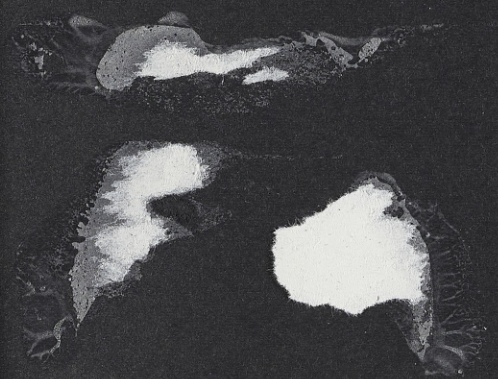

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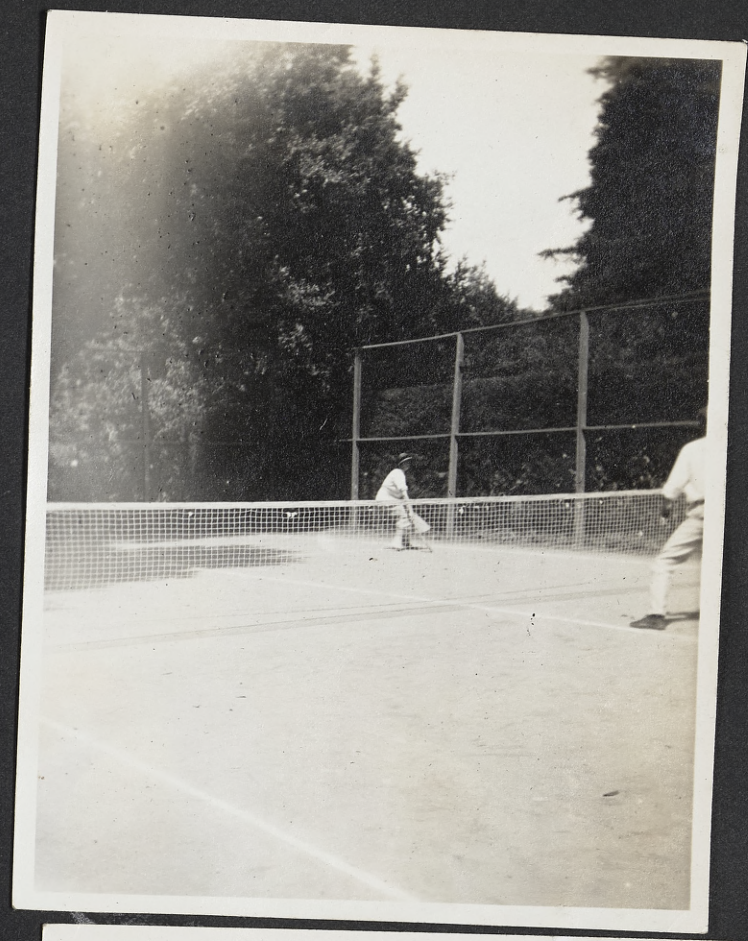

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Vera. Edith.

Edith Hazel

#13

the train up
Tam. Mt.
"Vera" is my
Mother Vera
Beyfuss

Some snap shots
I found of you one
day latch 100 yrs
ago.

#13

PARK AVE

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February 8, 1992

Mrs. Janet Upham
Mill Valley Historical Society
375 Throckmorton Avenue
Mill Valley, CA 94941

Dear Jan,

I have taken so long to get around to sending this to you that I am indeed ashamed, but finally, enclosed is my mother's photo album which may be of some use to the Historical Society. I am sending it to you knowing you will see that it gets to the appropriate persons for whatever purpose it can serve.

Unfortunately, Mom did not make one single notation in the album. Some of the snaps had already been removed or fell out and I have removed some for family use; i.e., pictures of my mother and father and other relatives which would not be of interest to the Society.

I have attempted a sort of code with reference to those pictures which have some meaning to me or places and people I recognize (I got help from Jayne as well). Since Mother lived permanently in Mill Valley after the earthquake of 1906 and married my Father in May of 1917 and immediately left for New York, I can safely say that all the pictures were taken during that time frame.

My grandparents, Carl and Marie Beyfuss built a summer home on Ethel Avenue (the first three-story Victorian up from Throckmorton) which is still standing and which the family considered their permanent home after the earthquake.

to R. OF STEPS BEHIND DIMITROFFS,

Some of the names of people I remember my Mother mentioning and who may figure in the pictures are: the Finn family; Grace Finn introduced my parents to each other, the Ralston Whites, Maud Varney, the Eberhardt family. I'm afraid I'm not much help.

Jan, I also have some memorabilia of my own dating back to the thirties up to 1940 when I graduated from Tam, if the Society would be interested. Including a picture of the entire Old Mill School I think was taken in '37.

Very best,

Pat Pleasants (PATERSON)

25780 Ridge Dr.
Pioneer, Ca 95666

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Photos taken between 1906 and 1917 in or near Mill Valley, Calif.

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1. On these two pages the background house is one that is located at the top of Ethel Avenue where it meets Molino. It was rented by a group of men, including my father, who were sent out to S. F. to help in the rebuilding. My father was an electrical engineer sent to S.F. to help in electrifying the city after the earthquake. I don't know the identities of any of the people in the pictures.

An attorney named Natalie Holly, and her daughter, Norma, lived in the house during the 1930s.

2. My mother, Vera Beyfuss.
Those pictures I recognize as her I have marked with an "x".

3. The pictures on this and the next page are of a wreck of the train that went to the Top of Mt. Tam. Perhaps someone can identify the date which must have been between 1906 and1917.

4. These two pictures I do believe to be taken at the Park Avenue train station on Miller Avenue.

5. There was a house on the left side of the Finn's tennis court on Miller Avenue near Park Avenue which had an ornate wooden gate with the brickwork, where I believe these were taken.

6. I believe this is the gate to the house mentioned above, on Miller Avenue.

.7. There was a faint penciled "1909" where I inked it in. The lower middle picture is obviously the Old Mill. Could the other ones have been taken at the Mt. Home?

8. My sister, Jayne Danner, thinks these were taken at Yosmite. No doubt the group of men who lived in house on Ethel Avenue.

9. The house rented by young men at Ethel Avenue. I believe that's my father, "Pat" Paterson on right.

10. Probably the Finn family tennis court.

11. This is probably a Beyfuss family group but the only ones I can for sure identify are my grandmother, Marie Beyfuss, [illegible] Beyfuss in the upper picture on the far right, my mother next to her, and my grandmother in the lower picture.

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12. My mother, Vera Beyfuss went to Hawaii to visit her sister, Anita Conningham, and her family in 1916. My mother at the time was an avid tennis player and champion, holding titles for women in S. F. and Honolulu at that time. I have removed pictures of the family in Hawaii. The one of my parents on her return and their engagement I left in.

13. I believe this to be a picture of Mrs. Eberhardt and family taken at her house on Molino.

The rest of the scenes in the album are obvious and I'm sure known to all interested people.